

**RUSHVILLE CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
TUESDAY JULY 19, 2011
5:30 P.M.**

The Rushville City Board of Public Works and Safety met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bostic called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., with Merlin Herbert answering role call. John Mull was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Ron Wilson, and Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES * * * *

Minutes of the July 11, 2011 meeting were presented for approval. Herbert made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Bostic seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * * *

None.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * * *

None.

DEPARATMENT HEAD REPORTS * * * *

Fire – Jenkins said Ford has returned to work with some restrictions.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * * *

Learning Center – Ron Lienemann addressed the Board as Vice President of the Community Center Board. He said they have been notified that the Learning Center funding has been discontinued. He said that is of great concern to their Board. It is important to the community to continue this service. He stated that the Learning Center helps approximately 150 students each month. Lienemann asked that the Board of Works consider funding the Learning Center until the end of the year in order to give them some much needed time to find alternative funding and also to be able to inform their students.

Bostic said that the City Attorney has reviewed the files and does not find any documentation stating that this is an approved use of the funds and that is why the funding was stopped.

Bostic said the State Budget Director said they would not write a letter, but would continue to look through their files for documentation.

Bostic said he thinks the Learning Center is very beneficial to the community and is in favor of it, but the City also needs to cover themselves and make sure they are using the money for what it was intended to be used. He said he received a phone call from former Senator Jackman. Jackman indicated that he did not have any documentation.

Mike Pavey said he talked to the State Board of Accounts and was told that we would not receive a letter either way because at the end of the day it is something that is not written in the Indiana Code, but we have always done it, or allowed it. Pavey asked SBOA what the protocol was to handle this money. Charlie Pride asked how it was handled when the money was received. Pavey said Bob Bridges was Mayor and the Mayor presented it to the City Council. Pavey indicated that Pride said if it originally went through the City Council, it should go back through the City Council.

Unfinished Building in Park – Melissa Conrad asked if we are continuing to receive suggestions for the completion of the building in the park. Denny Corn stated that they were no longer accepting suggestions. The committee is preparing to give their recommendation to the City.

There was no further business to come before the Board of Works; Herbert made a motion to adjourn. Bostic seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

MERVYN R. BOSTIC, MAYOR

JOHN W. MULL, MEMBER

MERLIN HERBERT, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER